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ANNUAL MEETING

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LITERARY AND THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTION,

AND OF THE

OHIO BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY,

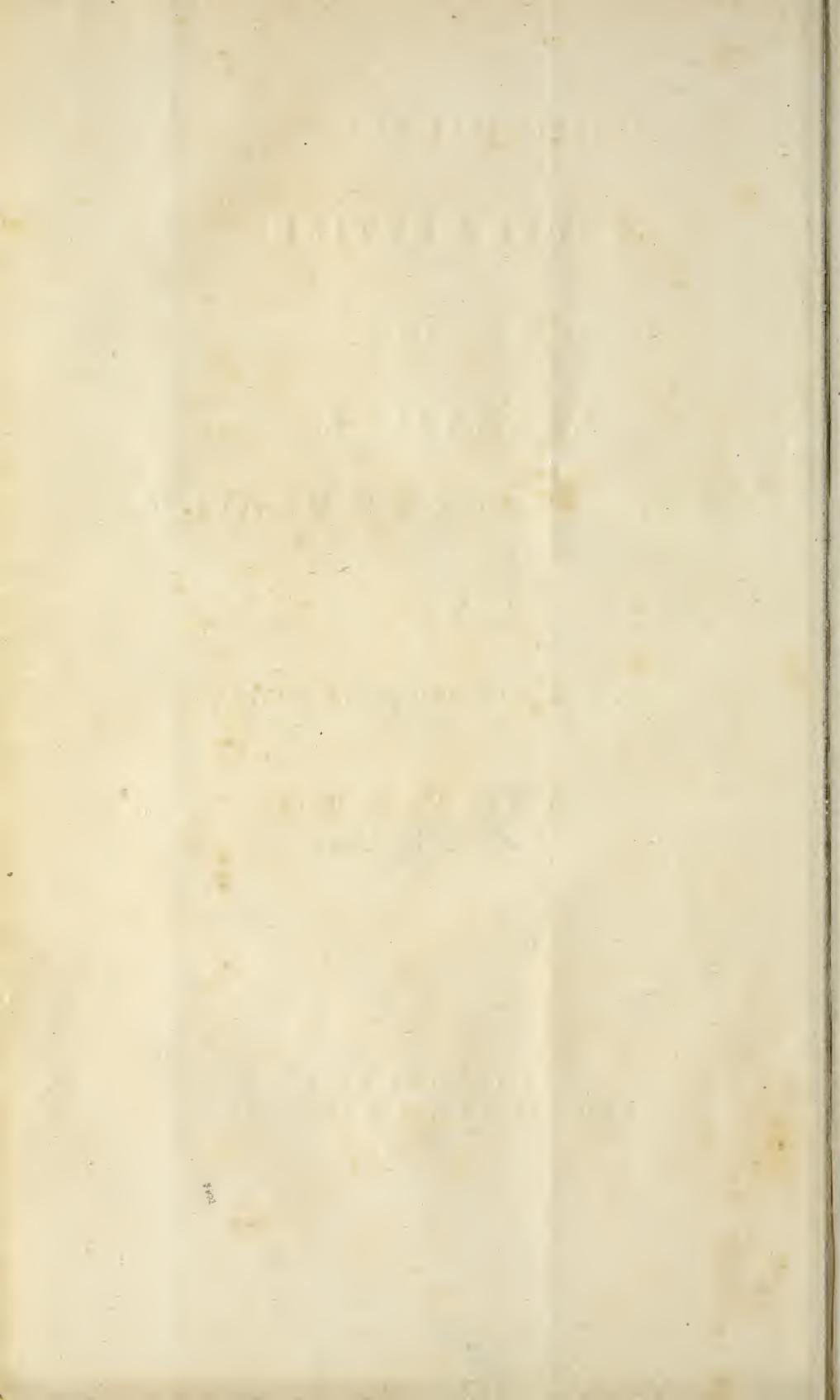
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GENERAL INFORMATION.

THE Granville Literary and Theological Institution, founded by the Ohio Baptist Education Society, commenced operations in December, 1831, and was incorporated the following January, with a charter granting the right to confer degrees, and all the privileges usually enjoyed by colleges. It is pleasantly and healthfully situated, near the centre of the state, in the midst of an industrious, enterprising, and moral community. Although it met with a heavy calamity, soon after its existence, in the loss of its buildings by fire, still its progress has been steadily and successfully onward. It now numbers about one hundred students. At the late annual meeting of the Board of Trustees (as will be seen by reference to the Minutes below), the Institution was organized in four departments, viz: Preparatory, English, Collegiate, and Theological. In the English department, opportunity will be afforded for obtaining a thorough English education; and special attention will be given to that class of young men, who wish to qualify themselves to become skilful instructors of common schools. In the Collegiate department, as thorough and extended a course of instruction will be afforded, as is pursued at any college in the United States. A Freshman class will be formed at the commencement of the next term, September 26th, to which, students from a distance, duly fitted, may be admitted; but none of a higher standing, will, for the present, be received. Candidates for admittance into the Freshman class, will be examined in those branches usually required by colleges for a similar standing; more regard being had to the manner of reciting than to the quantity gone over. For admittance into any department of the Institution, testimonials of a good moral character are required.

The year is divided into two terms of twenty-one weeks each, and two vacations. From commencement, which occurs on the second Wednesday in August, there is a vacation of six weeks, and after the expiration of a term of twenty-one weeks for study, another vacation of four weeks.

Expenses for a term of twenty-one weeks are as follows:

Tuition,	\$8,00
Board, washing, room, furniture, and fuel,	27,00
Accommodations for study in private rooms, to one not a boarder,	2,00
Incidentals, to one not a boarder, studying in the Preparatory rooms,	,75
Whole amount of expenses for tuition, board, washing, room, furniture, and fuel,	35,00

Or \$70,00 a year, exclusive of vacations. Those who board at the Institution in time of vacation, are charged at the same rate as in term time, with the exception of tuition. No deduction for absence will be made on the tuition of students in the Collegiate department. Any student entering or leaving the Institution during the progress of a half term will be charged with the whole amount of tuition for such half term. No deduction for absence will be made on the board of any student, provided he be not absent more than a week at any one time, nor even then without a reasonable excuse for such absence. The payment of all bills is required in advance unless security be given.

It will be seen by reference to the proceedings of the Board of Trustees below, that the Institution is designed to be strictly a manual labor Institution, requiring each student to spend a portion of every day in manual labor. This will be carried into complete effect, and regular daily employment, mostly in mechanical business, furnished to every student, as soon as the necessary means are provided. In the mean time, considerable employment will be afforded on the farm, and an opportunity given in the shops to those who are disposed to prosecute mechanical labor on their own responsibility.

NOTE. By a vote of the Board of Trustees, any person by paying the sum of ten thousand dollars, will have the right to name the Institution.

ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE
GRANVILLE LITERARY AND THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTION,
GRANVILLE, AUGUST 14, 1833.

At two o'clock, the meeting was called to order by the president. Prayer by Elder J. L. Moore.

The committee appointed to procure an amendment of the act of incorporation reported that no amendment for the present was thought advisable. The report was accepted.

The committee appointed at the last annual meeting to procure philosophical apparatus were continued.

The executive committee made a report, which was accepted. [See the report below.]

The treasurer's account current was called for, and referred to a committee of three for auditing, viz: J. Stevens, S. Spelman, and A. Darrow.

The treasurer's report of the financial concerns, was referred to the above committee, with the addition of S. W. Lynd and N. S. Johnson. [See the report below.]

The steward's report was called for, read, and accepted.

The report of the Faculty was called for, read, and referred to a committee consisting of J. Stevens, N. S. Johnson, S. W. Lynd, and the Faculty. [See the report below.]

The report of Joshua Bradley, agent for the Institution, was called for, read, and referred to a committee for settlement, consisting of J. McLeod, D. Shepardson, and A. H. Frink.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the salary of Mr. Bradley be four hundred dollars for the first year, and at the rate of three hundred dollars per annum for the time he has spent in the service of the Board from the close of the first year up to the present date; and that the committee inform him that the business of further agency is referred to the next Board.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the following be a committee to audit the account of Mr. Sawyer for his services as agent for the Institution, viz: J. Drake, J. McLeod, and D. Shepardson.

Adjourned to meet at eight o'clock, to-morrow morning.
Prayer by Elder H. Gear.

August 15. Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Elder S. W. Lynd.

The committee appointed to settle with Mr. Bradley reported, were discharged, and the settlement referred to a future executive committee.

The report of the committee appointed to audit the treasurer's account, was read and accepted. [See the report below.]

The report of the committee on the treasurer's report of the financial concerns was read and accepted. [See the report below.]

The committee appointed to settle with Mr. Sawyer for his services as agent reported that no settlement had been effected. After some discussion, the subject was referred to the next Board.

The report of the committee on the Faculty's report was received, accepted, and referred to the next Board.

On motion, adjourned to seven o'clock, P. M.

Met agreeably to adjournment. Prayer by Elder T. Rigdon.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the election of Trustees made by the Education Society, be confirmed.

On motion, *Resolved*, That J. Stevens, S. Spelman, and N. S. Johnson, be a committee to nominate officers of the Board for the ensuing year.

The following nomination was made by the committee, viz: John McLeod, *President*; A. H. Frink, *Secretary*; Paschal Carter, *Treasurer*; John Pratt, Sylvester Spelman, Daniel Shepardson, Alanson Sinnott, Daniel Wildman, and A. P. Prichard, *Executive Committee*.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the treasurer be a member of the executive committee, *ex officio*.

On motion, *Resolved*, That five form a quorum of the executive committee.

On motion, *Resolved*, That N. S. Johnson receive an order on the treasurer of thirty-four dollars and fifteen cents, for publishing the proceedings of the Board and of the Education Society the last year.

On motion, *Resolved*, That Professor Pratt receive one hundred dollars in addition to his salary for the past year, in consideration of the sickness of his family,

On motion, *Resolved*, That Mr. Sawyer be allowed one hundred and nine dollars and fifty cents, for his services as agent; and that the Board relinquish to him their reserved claim on a patent for a threshing machine, in consideration of his canceling the rest of his charges.

The report of the Faculty was then taken into consideration, and, after some discussion, the following resolutions were passed.

Resolved, That each student boarding at the Institution be required, unless in special cases, to labor a portion of every day, Sundays excepted.

To preserve the minds of the students free from undue anxiety and care, *Resolved*, That the Institution furnish, as soon as practicable, work and the instruments for performing it, and pay the students the value of their labor.

For the further accommodation of students, *Resolved*, That measures be concerted for the erection either of another college edifice, or of houses for Professors.

Resolved, That as soon as the present debts shall be paid, strenuous efforts be made to obtain the requisite funds for carrying the preceding resolutions into effect.

Resolved, That the Board enjoin upon the executive committee, and pledge themselves to one another, not to involve the Institution in debt for the purpose of carrying into effect the above resolutions.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Institution be organized in four departments, under the following appellations, viz: Preparatory, English, Collegiate, and Theological.

On motion, *Resolved*, That a President of the Institution be appointed.

On motion, *Resolved*, That John Pratt be appointed President of the Institution.

On motion, *Resolved*, That a Professorship of Moral Philosophy and Theology be established.

On motion, *Resolved*, That Samuel B. Swaim be appointed to fill that Professorship; and that his salary be four hundred dollars, together with his board, if taken in commons at the Institution.

On motion, *Resolved*, That A. H. Frink be appointed Principal of the Preparatory department, with a salary of three hundred dollars and his board.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the subject of Mr. Bradley's agency be referred to the executive committee.

On motion, adjourned. Prayer by Elder Hezekiah Johnson.

JOHN MCLEOD, *President.*

A. H. FRINK, *Secretary.*

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
OF THE
GRANVILLE LITERARY AND THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTION,
TO THE
OHIO BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY,
AUGUST 15, 1833.

THIS report consists of the reports of the executive committee, and of the treasurer and Faculty, which follow in the order in which they were presented.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

To the Board of Trustees of the Granville Literary and Theological Institution, their Executive Committee respectfully present the following Report.

AT the last annual meeting of the Board, Mr. Bradley, the general agent, was in the east. He returned to Granville about the first of June last, having been absent some time over a year.

Soon after the last annual meeting, the executive committee appointed and commissioned a large number of local agents; but this measure seems to have been productive of but little good. Early last winter the friends of the Institution in Cincinnati, devised and partly executed a plan for freeing the concern from debt during the current year. After this plan was made known, numerous and repeated efforts were made to obtain suitable agents to complete its execution. The success of those efforts was small. Only one man was obtained to take up the subject as a business, viz: T. G. Jones, who commenced his labors about the first of March. Daniel Bryant spent a short time in the service, with very great success.

For want of agents, the plan devised in Cincinnati, was likely to fail, when, at the meeting of the Convention, in May, it was taken up by the friends of the Institution and carried fully into effect. For further information on the subject of agencies and funds, the Board are referred to the report of the treasurer, and also to an exhibit which he has been appointed to prepare, of the pecuniary concerns of the Institution from first to last.

At the meeting of the Board in October last, it was presumed that the new building would be completed in about two months from that time. But various causes retarded the work, so that but little more than half the interior finishing was done, when the edifice began to be occupied by the school, on the 17th of December. It was thought best that the rest of the building should be finished, if practicable, by the students. Being reserved for completion in that way, the whole is not even yet finished.

Early in the spring, a second workshop was commenced, 40 feet by 28, two stories high, besides a basement at one end. For want of funds, it seemed desirable that the students should put up this building; and, owing to the small force which can be profitably employed on it, the work has advanced rather slowly. It is about ready for raising.

During the quarter ending August 14, 1833, about forty students employed by the Institution, earned \$279,57. Some of the students carry on business for themselves, whose earnings cannot now be estimated.

The present steward, entering on his duties about the 20th of May, has had to encounter many inconveniences resulting from the lateness of the period. He has, however, evinced a skill and an energy in managing the farm, which promise the most valuable results in time to come; and has, even the present season, laid the foundation for great assistance in supplying the materials for the boarding establishment during the approaching fall and winter. The boarding department is very judiciously and satisfactorily conducted. Considerable has been expended on the farm for fences, stock, and utensils. But there is yet the most pressing necessity for further improvements. Especially are several out-houses extremely needed.

For information respecting the steward's department, in a financial view, the Board are referred to his quarterly report.

The report of the Faculty will afford the Board a view of the internal condition of the Institution during the year.

By order of the executive committee.

SYLVESTER SPELMAN, *Chairman.*

JOHN PRATT, *Secretary.*

REPORT ON THE TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

THE committee to whom was referred the treasurer's account for the last year, have examined the same, and found it to be, in their opinion, correct. The amount of receipts is *seven thousand five hundred thirty-two dollars and seventy-eight and a half cents*, and the amount of disbursements is *seven thousand four hundred twenty-eight dollars and thirty-nine and a half cents*. The balance now in the treasury is one hundred and four dollars and thirty-nine cents.

J. STEVENS, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF THE TREASURER ON THE FINANCIAL CONCERNs.

IT will be perceived by examining the present report on the financial concerns, that some of the items of expenditures differ from an estimate made a year since. But the circumstances under which that estimate was necessarily made, rendered it impossible to obtain any thing like complete accuracy. Many of the accounts for the old building were then unsettled, and the new building was in a course of erection. In making the present exhibit, a thorough investigation of all the financial concerns, from the commencement of the Institution up to the present time, has been made. The circumstances under which the new building was erected and furnished, and especially the want of funds so as to prosecute the work to advantage, have, no doubt, greatly increased the expense. A large amount also received on subscription, has been in building materials, labor, furniture, and other articles, much above the real value.

The following are the principal items of expenditures.

Expense of instruction and board, from the commencement of the Institution,	\$3329,89
Cost of the farm,	3400,00
Expended on the building which was burned, including the erection of a shop,	2500,00
Expended in the erection of the new building,	6100,00
Expended for furniture, including stoves, furnishing students' rooms, and the steward's department,	1050,00
Expended on a shop in a course of erection,	125,00
Expended on the farm for stock, farming utensils, repair of fences, barn, and other improvements,	675,00
Expended in crops not yet realized,	142,00
Value of provisions on hand,	126,00
Books for the Library, received mostly on subscription,	397,35
The general agent's salary, including also what has been paid to other agents,	455,00
Insurance and taxes,	90,50
Interest on notes, postage, and other incidental expenses not included in the above items,	202,46
 Total amount of expenditures,	 \$18593,20

Receipts.

Bill for tuition and board,	\$3130,90
Collected on the subscription for the farm,	2477,75
Collected on the subscription for the new building, including same other small donations,	1875,55
Received on the six thousand dollar subscription,	1146,00
Collected by Prof. Pratt, mostly in books,	206,35
Collected by Mr. Bradley, besides his expenses,	2091,44
Loaned from the Education Society,	54,00
 Total amount of receipts,	 \$10981,99
This amount subtracted from the amount of expenditures, leaves a debt of	\$7611,21
To meet this debt, there is yet due on the six thousand dollar subscription,	\$4854,00
On the subscription for the farm,	1126,00
On the subscription for the new building,	777,00
 Whole amount due on subscription,	 \$6757,00
Of this amount, probably not more than 6257,00 will be realized, bearing a balance of debts yet to be provided for, of	\$1354,21
To this add the estimated expense of completing the new building,	500,00
 And there is needed to meet present engagements,	 \$1854,21

It will be seen upon examination, that the expenditures for instruction and board, have exceeded the income by \$199,99, but this expense was incurred during the first year of

the Institution. Since the new building has been occupied, the bills for tuition and board have exceeded the expenses by a considerable amount. The bills for tuition and board for the quarter just closed, amount to \$1,057,52, and the expenses for the same, amount only to \$875,00, leaving a balance in favor of the Institution, of \$182,52.

P. CARTER, *Treasurer.*

REPORT ON THE TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT.

THE committee to whom was referred the report of the treasurer on the financial concerns of the Institution, including the receipts and expenditures of the Institution from the commencement of its operations up to the present time, the present debts and dues of the Institution, and the sum yet requisite to complete and furnish the Institution edifice, have examined the same and found it satisfactory.

The whole amount of expenditures they find to be	\$18,593,20
The whole amount of receipts,	<u>10,981,99</u>

Present debt,	\$7,611,21
To meet this debt they find due on subscription for the farm,	\$1,126,00
For the new building,	777,00
On the six thousand dollar subscription,	<u>4,854,00</u>
	\$6,757,00
Which is estimated to be worth	<u>\$6,257,00</u>
Leaving yet to be provided for,	1,354,21
Needed to complete and furnish the new building,	<u>500,00</u>

Needed in all to meet present engagements,	\$1,854,21
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It will be seen by a comparison of the above results, including Mr. Bradley's collection of a thousand dollars or more at the east, with the financial statement made at the last annual meeting, that the amount of expenditures of all kinds incident to the Institution up to the present time, has exceeded that statement by about three thousand dollars, and that after having completed the six thousand dollar subscription, there is now likely to be a deficiency of about two thousand dollars. An inspection of the financial exhibit, accounts to entire satisfaction for this diversity from the last year's statement. It is briefly as follows: The estimated cost of the new building was five thousand dollars; the actual cost (including five hundred yet to finish it), is six thousand six

hundred dollars. This accounts for one thousand six hundred dollars of this diversity. Besides this, there have been necessary expenditures for furniture for the Institution, for shop, for stock and utensils for the farm, for general agent's salary, &c. which were not included in last year's estimate, and which fully cover the difference between the present financial exhibit and the statement made at the last annual meeting.

There is one particular in the financial exhibit deserving of attention, and of an encouraging character.

The income for board and tuition during the last quarter has been \$1,057.52, and the expenses, \$875.00, leaving a balance in favor of the Institution of \$182.52. This cannot be expected when the board of instruction has been sufficiently filled up; but it is highly creditable to the executive and the board of instruction, and should be equally encouraging to the trustees to go on.

J. STEVENS, *Chairman.*

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FACULTY.

THE catalogue for the year now near its close, contains the names of 148 members, 96 of whom have been admitted within the current year. The remaining 52 were previously members. The first quarter in the present year, numbered 62. The second, 51. The third, 96. The fourth, 105. The comparatively small attendance in the second quarter, resulted, partly, from the absence of several students engaged in teaching common schools; and partly, from the late period of commencing that quarter, occasioned by the unprepared state of the new edifice.

The whole number received during the seven quarters the Institution has been in operation, is 194.

Attention has been given by a few individuals to some of the higher branches of English; but the students generally have been engaged in the preparatory parts, either of an English or of a classical education. Most of them design to obtain a thorough and extended education. About a dozen will soon be prepared to enter on the studies appropriate to the first year of a collegiate course, and this number will doubtless be augmented by the admission of a few not fitted at

this place. No particular attention on subjects strictly theological, has hitherto been given to any of those who have in view the sacred work of the christian ministry. But this description of students, already respectable for number, ought to be subjected no longer to this species of neglect, especially as they are often called on to preach to destitute congregations.

The great body of the members have exhibited a very estimable character for assiduity and perseverance in their studies, and seem to regard, with high and spontaneous respect, the doctrine strenuously inculcated by the instructors in relation to the *manner* of producing *sound scholarship*. Much has, therefore, been expected of them, nor has the expectation been lost in disappointment.

The social order and moral deportment of the students generally, have been worthy of high commendation, and at the present time, particularly, the state of things, in this respect, is extremely gratifying. In this connection, reference may properly be made to the advantages resulting from the retired and rural situation of the school, and from the adoption of the manual labor system.

The pupils have been favored in a most remarkable degree with the blessing of health. That portion of the year most unfavorable for study is nearly elapsed, and, out of more than a hundred students, not an instance of one considered as "*run down*," has yet occurred. This fact, while it tells well for the salubrity of the Institution Hill, is also a practical comment of high value, on the utility, in regard to health, of combining manual labor with studious pursuits.

The references made above to the labor system, indicate a favorable opinion of its influence in some highly important particulars. In these particulars too much can hardly be expected from the plan, if judiciously and vigorously prosecuted. Nor is the bearing it has on the diminution of a student's expenses, a subject unworthy of serious regard. But should its popularity be made to depend *mainly* upon considerations of *pecuniary* advantage, disappointment and disaster will be the consequence.

The principle and manner of conducting the system have been established, so far as work can be profitably furnished on the farm; but in reference to mechanical business, they

remain yet to be determined. To this part of the subject, it may not be amiss to invite the enlightened consideration of the Board.

In view of the number, character, attainments, and aims of the students, as already exhibited, the Faculty beg leave respectfully to suggest to the Board, the expediency of giving to the Institution a regular organization of four departments under the following appellations, viz: Preparatory, English, Collegiate, and Theological, and of making such arrangements for the government and instruction of the Institution, as the nature of the case may seem to demand. The prospect, also, of rapidly increasing numbers in future, is deemed sufficient to attract the immediate attention of the Board to the subject of furnishing more ample accommodations for students.

In behalf of the Faculty,
JOHN PRATT, *Principal.*

ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE
OHIO BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY.

THE society met in Granville, on Thursday, August 15th, 1833. At 11 o'clock, Elder J. L. Moore preached from Rom. i. 16, after which the president, Elder Jacob Drake, called the meeting to order.

On motion, *Resolved*, That a committee, consisting of J. McLeod, Prof. J. Pratt, and S. Spelman, be appointed to nominate officers of the society for the ensuing year.

On motion, *Resolved*, That a committee of three, consisting of Prof. J. Pratt, N. S. Johnson, and J. Stevens, be appointed to nominate six trustees for the Granville Literary and Theological Institution, in place of those whose term has expired.

Adjourned to two o'clock, P. M.

At two o'clock, P. M. Society met agreeably to adjournment. Prayer by Elder J. Drake.

The following persons handed in their annual contributions of one dollar each, viz: J. Drake, S. Spelman, S. W. Lynd, J. Pratt, J. Stevens, H. Johnson, J. Atwood, M. B.

Cushing, S. Ashmore, D. Shepardson, H. Gear, J. McLeod, A. McCormick, H. Burnett, J. Nettleton, P. Carter, J. L. Moore, A. Darrow, A. Sinnett, A. H. Frink, C. Sawyer; N. S. Johnson, two dollars; females of the Zanesville church, two dollars and fifty cents.

The committee appointed to nominate officers for the society, reported the following nomination, viz: Jacob Drake, *President*; S. W. Lynd, J. L. Moore, D. Bryant, F. Dunlavy, G. C. Sedwick, E. Welch, J. Lyon, J. Bailey, W. Wall, *Vice Presidents*; A. H. Frink, *Secretary*; C. Sawyer, *Treasurer*; Wm. Sedwick, H. Johnson, H. Carr, G. Jeffries, A. Darrow, P. Carter, S. Spelman, *Directors*.

The report of the committee was accepted, and choice was made accordingly.

The committee for nominating six trustees for the Granville Literary and Theological Institution, reported the following nomination, viz: N. S. Johnson, M. B. Cushing, Ephraim Robins, A. P. Prichard, Alanson Sinnett, Daniel Wildman.

The report of the committee was accepted, and the persons therein named were elected trustees of the Institution.

On motion, *Resolved*, That Charles Sawyer receive an order on the treasurer for the cost of treasurer's book; and that the secretary be directed to provide a book for the records of the society, and that the treasurer be authorized to pay for the same.

On motion, *Resolved*, That we hear the report of the trustees of the Granville Literary and Theological Institution.

On motion, *Resolved*, The report of the trustees of the Institution be accepted.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the executive committee of the trustees of the Institution be requested to appoint a person to deliver an address before the society at their next annual meeting, and a substitute in case of failure.

On motion, *Resolved*, That S. W. Lynd, P. Carter, and A. H. Frink be appointed a committee to prepare and cause to be published the proceedings of the Education Society and of the trustees of the Institution; and that five hundred copies be published at the expense of the society.

On motion, *Resolved*, To hear the report of the board of directors of the society. The report was accepted,

On motion, *Resolved*, That the committee include in their publication a statement of the pecuniary affairs of the society.

In compliance with the above resolution, the following statement of the treasurer is presented.

Received into the treasury in 1831, \$54,00, and paid over the same to the treasurer of the Granville Literary and Theological Institution.

Received into the treasury in 1832, \$19,00, and paid over the same to the order of the board of directors.

Received into the treasury, August 15th, 1833, \$25,50, which amount remains in the treasury.

CHARLES SAWYER, *Treasurer.*

On motion, adjourned to meet in Granville at the time of the next annual meeting.

Prayer by Elder Lynd.

JACOB DRAKE, *President.*

A. H. FRINK, *Secretary.*

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. THIS society shall be called *The Regular Baptist Education Society of Ohio.*

ART. 2. The object of this society shall be to promote sound literature and science, including the literary and theological improvement of pious young men for the ministry.

ART. 3. This society shall consist of delegates from Regular Baptist churches, and Education Societies auxiliary to this, in the ratio of two delegates to every \$5 paid annually, and of such individuals as shall pay one dollar annually; and any person paying at one time twenty dollars, shall be a member for life.

ART. 4. The officers of this society shall consist of a president and as many vice presidents as they shall choose from time to time to elect, a secretary and treasurer, who, with seven others, shall constitute a board of directors, any five of whom shall constitute a quorum, and *all of whom shall be members in good standing in Regular Baptist churches.* The

duties of the president, secretary, and treasurer, shall be the same as they are in other similar societies. It shall be the duty of the board of directors generally to superintend the interests of the society, and particularly to examine applicants for the patronage of the society, and determine the time and place and course of their studies. The board shall make their own by-laws, and regulate their own meetings, and make a detailed report of their proceedings annually to the society.

ART. 5. The society shall have power to establish one or more literary or theological seminaries, and to appoint trustees for the government of the same, which number, thus appointed, shall not be less than twelve, nor more than thirty-six, to be chosen for three years, one-third of whom shall be elected annually, who shall appoint their own officers, make their own by-laws, and report to the society at their annual meeting, to whom they are held responsible for their proceedings.

ART. 6. This society shall meet annually on the Thursday following the second Wednesday in August, at such place as the society shall annually determine, at which time the officers and directors of the society shall be chosen by ballot.

ART. 7. This constitution may be altered at any annual meeting, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present; so much of the fourth article to be inviolate as relates to the church-membership of the officers and directors of this society.